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## KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRING TO DISTRIBUTE METH

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

**Pablo Valdovinos-Bravo**, 23, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to his involvement in a methamphetamine conspiracy.

By pleading guilty, **Valdovinos-Bravo** admitted that he conspired to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between July 6, 2003, and Jan. 23, 2004.

**Valdovinos-Bravo** was originally charged in a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Kansas City on Jan. 23, 2004. The criminal complaint was later replaced by an indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Jan. 28, 2004.

By pleading guilty today, **Valdovinos-Bravo** admitted that he sold methamphetamine on two occasions and intended to sell methamphetamine on a third occasion.

The first sale took place on Nov. 18, 2003, and was for one ounce of methamphetamine. The second sale took place on Dec. 2, 2003, and was for 27.38 grams of methamphetamine.

**Valdovinos-Bravo** also admitted that he planned to sell one ounce of methamphetamine again on Jan. 21, 2004.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kate Mahoney. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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